

REMARKS

The Examiner has required Applicants to restrict the claims to a single species. Applicant selects the species depicted in Fig. 1, thus claims 4 and 6. However, applicant traverses the restriction.

Applicants have amended the specification to eliminate an inadvertent error.

The parent application S/N 10/373,449 An Applicator Assembly For Coating Fasteners, filed 2/24.03, containing claims 1-7 was examined. The Examiner cited US Patent NO. 4,083.078 Toothbrush by H. Shimizu, a copy is herewith enclosed. This resulted in claims 1-3 being rejected. However, claims 4-6 were only objected to. The claims were amended to add the substance of claim 4 to claim 1. Claim 7 now includes similar limitations.

What is claimed is a unique coating applicator roller concept, and the claims now all relate thereto. Claims 7, 9, 11, and 12-15 all include the limitations. Therefore, the use of a syringe as depicted in Fig. 7 and the self powered coating supply tube depicted in Fig 9 are just enhancements thereto. The species depicted in Fig. 6, while not a roller, is covered by claim 1. If the foam applicator is found to be patentable, whether it is linear or in the form of a ring, does not matter. Therefore, Applicants believe that the restriction requirement should be withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted



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